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FOR A HIGHWAY FROM GREENVILLE-COLUMBIA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALLS NEWBERRY MARCH 10.

Keynote of Meeting to be Cooperation. One Good Road Will Lead to Others.

Carrying out the idea suggested in The Herald and News sometime ago, to undertake to get the co-operation of the commercial bodies of the towns and cities between Newberry and Greenville, and the people of the rural communities, for the purpose of building a good dirt road connecting the two cities, the board of governors of the Newberry chamber of commerce decided, at a meeting recently, to invite representatives from the communities between Greenville and Columbia to meet in Newberry on the afternoon of March 10, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming an organization, and creating an interest in the proposed plan.

With this in view the secretary of the chamber of commerce is sending a letter to the representatives of these organizations and to representative citizens along the line, asking them to meet in Newberry on the afternoon of the 10th of March, and it is hoped that there will be a representative number present, and that an organization may be perfected which will interest the people along the proposed road, and that after the surveys and specifications are made by a road builder, that the people may be induced to furnish their teams and labor, and at one and the same time put this road in condition from Greenville to Columbia.

The purpose of securing the organization is to have several persons scattered along the entire route, who will get the people aroused to the importance of this work, and the advisability of cooperation. It will take very little time and very little money to have one good road between the capitol and Greenville.

If this can be accomplished then this work may be extended to other roads leading into this main highway. There is little doubt that the interest of the farmers along the road can be secured if the people in the cities and towns will cooperate and raise the necessary funds to pay for the plans and specifications.

Newberry is centrally located and representatives from Columbia and Greenville and along the route can come to Newberry on the 10th at noon, and return to their homes in the evening if they do not care to remain over night.

The Newberry chamber of commerce would be pleased to have the newspapers published along the proposed road take up the agitation, and arouse an interest in their several communities.

The following letter has been sent by the secretary of the Newberry chamber of commerce to the commercial bodies of the towns and cities and to a number of citizens along the route from Greenville to Columbia, inviting representatives to be present at this meeting. This is a very important matter and it does seem that every one along the route would be heartily in favor of such a movement. Sometime ago an effort of the kind was undertaken in one of the middle Western States, and it was stated that in one day the road was put in good condition from one side of the State to the other, a distance of 300 miles.

The following is the letter: The Newberry chamber of commerce desires to have a meeting in Newberry on the afternoon of the 10th of March, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming an organization composed of representatives from the commercial bodies of the cities and towns between Greenville and Columbia, including these two places, and from the rural communities, to build a road from Greenville to Columbia by the voluntary co-operation of the people along the route.

The supervisors of Laurens, Greenville, Newberry, Lexington and Richland will be invited to be present, and will be asked to give their cooperation.

The plan to be proposed is to form an organization, as suggested, and to

employ a civil engineer and road builder to go over the road between Greenville and Columbia, to suggest re-locations where necessary, and to stake off and grade and get specifications, and when these are completed to appoint a time when all the people along the road from Greenville to Columbia will be asked to turn out with their teams and labor on their plantations, and to work the roads according to the plans and specifications.

It will take some time to get these matters in shape, and if the organization is formed, and it is decided to undertake the work, it can be done after the farmers have finished working their crops, and between that time and the time for harvesting. One week of work under this plan would put the entire road in fine condition.

The keynote of the plan is to secure the co-operation and enthusiastic support of all the people along the proposed route.

Please advise me if we can expect your co-operation, and if you can send a representative to the meeting called at Newberry for March 10, and send me the name of your representative.

The building of one such road will encourage work of a similar kind on other roads, and you must realize that one of the most important factors in the development of the rural communities in our State at the present time is the building of better roads.

We hope that we may have your hearty co-operation, and that you will send a representative to the meeting at Newberry on March 10.

Respectfully yours,
Jno. B. Mayes,
Secretary.

Civic Association.

The regular meeting of the Civic association will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 1, at 4.30 o'clock, at the chamber of commerce.

The president urges that all officers and chairmen of wards and committees be present, as well as the members generally. It is only by hearty co-operation that our work can succeed.

Mrs. Henry West,
Secretary.

SCINTILLATIONS.

By Squibs.

The average hen is said to have a capacity during life of 2,500 eggs, but they don't talk business when the fruit is high.—Greenville News. But eggs are now falling in price all over the country.

Ugly hello girls are wanted in Orange, Cal. None can be secured in Greenville, but the telephone company might try Spartanburg.—Piedmont. Telephone girls anywhere are only ugly when snappish and impolite to persons using the phones, Newberry's never are.

One of the Newberry papers suggests as a slogan for that town, "Newberry Never Nods." Of course not. She goes directly to sleep.—Chester Lantern. That's all right. She follows Nature. After a refreshing nap, she awakes to new life. Chester can't.

The Hon. Lowndes J. Browning spoils the force of his remarks when he says: "The man who produced 30 to 40 bushels of corn of the single-earred variety would sweep poor Jerry Moore with his measly little 22½ bushels of prolific corn in ignominious defeat from the field."

Jasper is coming. Get ready to adapt yourselves to a new condition of affairs.—Jasper Herald. From that it would seem that Jasper was jumping.

Governor Blease is such a tease.—Wilmington Star. It's a game of please or displease. Let that give you ease.

The Newberry Insurance and Realty company is doing a fine business, receiving numerous inquiries as to real estate and having eight or ten deals now on hand.

GOV. BLEASE COMMUTES SENTENCE OF JNO. BLACK

TO PAYMENT OF FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

No Decision in Horry Court—Dispersary Winding Up Commission.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27.—Governor Blease today commuted the sentence of former State dispensary commissioner, Jno. Black, to the payment of a fine of \$2,000, acceptance of which bars him from further prosecution, and the service of the sentence imposed by the court.

Nothing has been done in the clash between the governor and the supreme court as to the special judge of the Horry court. The bar of Conway wired the governor that the court had met and adjourned until tomorrow and expressed the hope that he would either commission Mr. C. P. Quattlebaum to hold the court or that the supreme court would order one of the circuit judges, who was disengaged to hold the court.

The winding up commission of the State dispensary submitted their report which was made public today as requested by the governor, and it is a long document but simply calls his attention to the fact that they had already submitted printed reports of their doings and asked his co-operation in ferreting out all dispensary matters. There is nothing new in the report which was submitted to the governor.

Popular Odd Fellow.

Condensed From Sunday News.

There were certain incidents in connection with the 71st anniversary convention on Wednesday last, February 22, or South Carolina lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which are of State-wide interest.

First to be mentioned is the presence thereof of his Excellency, Coleman Livingston Blease, the newly elected governor of South Carolina, who is a past grand master of the order and one of the most enthusiastic and popular Odd Fellows of the State.

The reception to Gov. Blease was sincere and was reciprocated by him in words of earnestness and good cheer. To the visit and address of Gov. Blease Mr. John D. Cappelmann, from the ranks of Marion lodge, fittingly responded after opportunity had been given for every one of the large number to personally meet and shake hands with their brother Odd Fellow as the governor of South Carolina.

It was regretted by all that owing to other engagements Governor Blease was obliged to leave before the completion of the evening's programme, especially the presentation of the jewel already mentioned, to the retiring grand master of South Carolina, Wilson G. Harvey.

Died on Her Seventy-Fifth Birthday.

Mrs. Frances Britt died early Monday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. B. R. Guin. Yesterday, Monday, was her birthday, and she was 75 years old. She was the widow of the late Levi Britt, of Newberry, a gallant Confederate soldier who left for the war under trying circumstances and fought for his country.

Mrs. Britt was a member of Colony church. She will be buried at Trinity church cemetery today, the procession leaving the house at 11.30 o'clock, service to be conducted by the Revs. Edw. Fulenwider and Geo. A. Wright.

Mrs. Britt is survived by the following children: Mrs. B. R. Guin and Mrs. T. N. Parks, of the city; Mrs. G. A. Long, of the county; Mrs. Schwartz, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Mr. H. O. Britt, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Enjoyable Dance in No. 6.

Silverstreet, Feb. 27.—The young people enjoyed a nice dance given last Friday night at the home of Mr. Geo. C. Blair, in No. 6 township. The music was fine. It was furnished by the Silverstreet string band.

VALUABLE GEMS VANISH FROM SHIP'S ROOM

Former Mrs. Marshall Field Robbed of Fortune—Relieved of \$130,000 Worth of Jewels.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Maldwin Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, was robbed of a fortune in jewels last night aboard a Transatlantic liner. Diamonds, pearls and other gems to the value of about \$130,000 disappeared mysteriously from her state-room on the steamship Amerika, of the Hamburg-American line, some time between 9.30 o'clock last evening and 5.30 o'clock this morning. The loss was reported immediately after the liner docked at Hoboken this afternoon, and the police of Hoboken and New York are working on the case. Mrs. Drummond hurried to the Hotel Plaza, declining to discuss her loss.

The Hamburg-American line disclaims all responsibility, on the ground that passengers leave jewels in their staterooms at the owner's risk.

Describes Lost Gems.

To the police Mrs. Drummond described the missing jewels as follows: Two strings of 273 pearls each; one string of 283 pearls; one large black pearl ring, set with diamonds; one large white pearl ring, set with diamonds; one pair of large pearl earrings, set with diamonds; one black pearl brooch, set with diamonds, with a black pearl pea-shaped pendant.

A wireless message, sent from the ship, summoned the detectives today in a tug. They learned from Mrs. Drummond details of the theft and began a search of the ship and the crew, but not a trace of the jewels was found.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

The baseball field is a scene of busy activity. Coach Johnston has gotten his men well in line. Every afternoon the aspirants for the Varsity team may be seen hard at work practicing. There are back again such old stars as Hazel, Eidson, Smeltzer, Reestjerna and Simpson. The prospects for the team are most promising. The first game will be played in Charleston on March 24, when Newberry will cross bats with the College of Charleston.

On last Saturday evening in the gym the Newberry college basketball team defeated the crack team from the University of South Carolina. The game was a "walk-over" for Newberry. The Carolina team played hard, but were no match for the Lutheran lads. For Carolina Dick Reeves did some pretty playing. For Newberry Cappelmann, of Charleston, was the star, throwing 16 goals out of a total of 33. The final score was 38-4 in favor of Newberry.

On Friday evening the Orpheus club of Newberry presented the sacred cantata, "Queen Esther," in the opera house for the benefit of the College Athletic association. The play was well presented, the cast of characters being chosen with great care. Several of the musical selections were excellent; among these were the solo by Mr. Kip Krepes, who played the part of the king, and the duet by Miss Mabel Williamson and Mr. Cobb, playing the parts of Zareah and Haman respectively. The play was a success and the amateur work was of the highest order.

On the 16th of March Alex Skovgaard, the famous Danish violinist, will give a performance in Holland Hall. Mr. Skovgaard is a master of his art. This promises to be the best number of the present Lyceum course.

On Saturday evening, in the College gym, the Freshmen will play the Juniors. This is the third of a series of champion basketball games. Up to date the Juniors are in the lead for the championship.

Death of Mr. Abrams.

Mr. Robert Abrams died of tuberculosis at his home near Whitmire, on Thursday night, and was buried at Mt. Tabor on Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, service by the Rev. O. A. Jeffcoat. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Hawkins. Mr. Abrams was about 45 years old.

NEVITT BROWN NOT GUILTY.

Tried for Killing Negro Ferryman in Fairfield.—Self Defence.

Winnboro, Feb. 15.—Nevitt Brown was today found not guilty on the charge of murdering Elmore Richardson, the negro ferryman, on Broad river, near Blairs. The hearing of the case commenced yesterday afternoon and consumed practically all of the morning hours of the court. The defendant interposed the pleas of self-defence, stating that he killed or mortally cut his assailant to save himself from bodily harm and that such was necessary under the circumstances. The accused was corroborated in his testimony by another white man that he did not bring on the difficulty and that he was struck by deceased and menaced by a knife or razor that he held in his hand before he cut with his knife and also that the negro was under the influence of whiskey at the time.

The attorneys representing the defendant were Messrs. Eug. S. Blease, of Newberry, and G. W. Ragsdale, of the local bar. The solicitor, J. K. Henry, prosecuted the case.—News and Courier.

A Special Communication From Assistant Postmaster DeGraw.

Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, who is an enthusiastic advocate of good roads, in discussing recently the question of good roads and their relation to the rural delivery service, said:

Of all the perplexing economic questions with which the farmers are confronted, there is probably none of more importance to them, and which until recently has been so generally treated with indifference, than that of good roads. They have come to realize to a considerable degree that the agricultural methods pursued by their forefathers are obsolete and unprofitable; that agriculture is a science, and are learning through the publications and teachings of the national department of agriculture, State departments of agriculture and agricultural colleges, how to farm properly. But it is regretted that too many farmers concern themselves but little, if any, with the question of good roads, and are content to put up with the same muddy, stony, rutted roads that have existed ever since the country was settled.

Strange as it may seem, farmers fail to appreciate the value of good roads to them in the material sense of enabling them to get their products to market at any time during any season of the year with ease and facility and with a minimum wear and tear on their animals and wagons. As it is, when the roads are poor farmers are unable to take advantage of the best market prices, but can only do their haphazard during the dry season or when the roads are dried out. The saving in the cost of horses where the roads are improved is enormous, for good roads undoubtedly prolong the usefulness of horses at least one-third.

One of the greatest difficulties confronting those who are concerned in the improvement of highways is to engender interest in the subject and secure the co-operation and support of the people generally, for it is only through concerted action that any beneficial or permanent results can be attained. Then again, millions of dollars are wasted each year in doing a little work on a great many miles of roads, instead of thoroughly improving a few miles, and worse than this, by pursuing slipshod and unscientific methods.

I appreciate the fact that but few of the counties throughout the Union are financially able to undertake the building of the highest class macadam roads, but this should neither discourage nor deter them in their efforts to procure good roads, through the use of the split-log-drag and similar economical appliances for grading and ditching roads. Instructions or advice on road building or materials may be had from the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., and a skilled highway engineer will, under certain conditions, be detailed to furnish a practical demonstration of road building. Besides, the various State highway commissions and boards are all ready and willing to lend their aid. To my mind, in the majority of cases,

there is little if any excuse for the existence of bad roads.

The interest of the postoffice department in the good roads question is paramount, for the reason that 41,033 of its rural mail carriers are daily traveling more than one million miles of roads. In the course of a year these carriers travel upward of 300,000,000 miles, so that the interest which the department has in the matter of the improvement of highways naturally follows. In maintaining rural delivery many millions of dollars are spent each year, and the postoffice department expects of the beneficiaries of the service that they will maintain the highways in such condition as to insure the daily delivery of mail with ease, celerity, certainty and safety. If they fail to do so, then the service is withdrawn. As a result of the department's insistence on good roads (and by this I do not necessarily mean roads of the highest improved type), and its cooperation with State highway officials, good roads associations, and individuals concerned in the question, it is believed that during the past five or six years greater interest has been engendered in the good roads question, more work accomplished, and money appropriated and expended, than during any other like period in the country's history. It is the desire of the department that every postmaster and every rural letter carrier shall not only constitute himself an apostle of good roads and spread the propaganda, but that they shall by their works arouse interest and emulation in others. Many postmasters and rural letter carriers have been instrumental in forming good roads clubs and associations, the result of which has been a vast improvement in the condition of highways and, in several notable incidents, the appropriation of enormous sums of money for the rebuilding and improvement of entire county highway systems.

While these improvements have been of the greatest benefit to the rural delivery service, the direct and indirect benefit to the farmers and other rural residents has been incalculable.

I am glad to note that throughout the entire South, where, on the average, the farmers are more remote from railroads than in any sections of the country, the people are awakened to the necessity for and the advantage of good roads, and are voicing this interest by the enactment of up-to-date highway laws and the selection of men competent to carry on the contemplated work.

Merited Praise.

The New York Dramatic News, the official organ of the theatrical profession in America, in its Newberry correspondence, has the following to say in reference to the concert recently given in this city by the Newberry Concert band, assisted by Mr. Paris Chambers, cornetist, and Miss Genevieve Evans, vocalist:

"On February 10th, Paris Chambers, the world-renowned cornetist, assisted by the Newberry Concert band and local vocalists, rendered a pleasing programme. The programme consisted of cornet solos by Mr. Chambers, ensembles, and vocal solos by Miss Genevieve Evans, Mrs. Alice Robertson and Miss Mazie Dominick, accompanists.

"Mr. Chambers proved himself a master, and the solos by Miss Evans, for several years a student under the country's most famous vocalists, were all that could be desired, and were repeatedly encored. Miss Evans' voice is one of rare sweetness and strength.

"The band selections, under the direction of William A. Wherry, leader, reflected great credit on the organization. The proceeds went to local institutions."

Mayor's Court.

Monday's session of the court resulted in getting \$10 from Herbert Mills, colored, who was convicted of fighting his wife. Two other negroes, John Wilson and Ben Gauntt, were also convicted on the same charge, but neither had paid out up to the time of writing. Wilson was fined \$10 and Gauntt \$5.

Thos. Hampton, colored, was convicted on two counts, drunk and resisting officer. For each offence he was fined \$10, which also had not been paid. He and the other unpaid prisoners, will probably take the 30 days sentence.